

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-38 are cancelled.

Claims 39-52 are pending.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/09/2008 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claim 39-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shapiro, US-5298892.

4. In regards to claim 20, associated method claim 13 and associated means for claim 52, a multi-component display (Abstract) comprising a component operable to generate light (Col. 6, 3-10); a first display screen (Fig. 1, 15) operable to display a first image in a first region of said first display screen, wherein said first region comprises an area less than the entire area of said first display screen (Col. 3, 36-46) lcd panels can

display images in regions less than that of the whole display screen); and a second display screen (Fig. 1, 14) operable to dynamically adjust a second region of said second display screen for modifying said display of said first image in accordance with a parameter (Col 2. 61-68), wherein said first and second display screens overlap (Col. 1, 36-46), and wherein a position of said second region of said second display screen is aligned with a position of said first region of said first display screen (Col. 1, 36-46 all images/regions would be aligned as the displays are optically stacked) to selectively control an amount of said light associated with said first region (Col 2. 61-68)

5. In regards to claim 47, associated method claim 40, and associated means claim 53, Shapiro discloses said image characteristic is selected from a group consisting of a brightness, a contrast, a color, a hue, a color temperature, and a gamma response (Col. 2, 61-68).

6. In regards to method claim 41 and associated means claim 54, Shapiro discloses displaying said image on said first display screen (Col. 1, 36-46).

7. In regards to claim 48, associated method claim 42, and associated means for claim 55, Shapiro disclose said first display screen is further operable to display a second image in a third region of said first display screen, wherein said third region comprises an area less than the entire area of said first display screen (Shapiro's LCD screens can display multiple images in multiple regions and areas of the screen), wherein said second display is further operable to adjust a fourth of said second display screen for modifying said second image in accordance with a second image characteristic (Col 2. 61-68), wherein said fourth region of said second display screen

corresponds to said third region of said first display screen (Col 2. 61-68, the third and fourth image regions would line up as the displays are stacked and the pixels overlap), wherein said image characteristic and said second image characteristic are different (the LCDs are capable of displaying different images in different shades, sizes, etc...).

8. In regards to claims 49, associated method claim 43, and associated means for claim 56, Shapiro discloses said second display screen is operable to adjust contrast of said image within said region while substantially maintaining net brightness of graphical objects presented by said first and second display screens (Col. 2, 61-68).

9. In regards to claim 50, associated method claim 44, and associated means for claim 57, Shapiro discloses said first and second display screens comprise liquid crystal displays (Fig. 1).

In regards to claim 51, associated method claim 45, and associated means for claim 58, Shapiro discloses a backlight operable to generate said light (Col. 6, 3-10).

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 39-58 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection as presented above.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CORY A. ALMEIDA whose telephone number is (571) 270-3143. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8AM to 4PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Eisen can be reached on 571-272-7687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Kevin M Nguyen/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2629

CA

1/6/2009